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1. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium comprising processor-executable instructions for generating a PDF (portable document format) document from a PPML (personalized print markup language) document, the processor-executable instructions comprising instructions for:

parsing structures within the PPML document;

generating a PDF document tree; and

interpreting the parsed structures from the PPML document onto locations on the PDF document tree; and

configuring a PDF document according to the PDF document tree.

2. (Currently Amended) The processor-readable medium of claim 1, additionally comprising instructions for:

eenfiguring a PDF document according to the PDF document tree; and printing the PDF document.

3. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises instructions for:

resolving, for objects within the PPML (personalized print markup language) document, a PPML SOURCE TYPE class; and

translating the objects according to the PPML SOURCE TYPE class.

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24 25 4. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises instructions for:

un-marshalling a PPML instance, when a PPML (personalized print markup language) tag refers to an external object; and

embedding the external object into the PDF document.

- 5. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 4, wherein the external object to which the PPML (personalized print markup language) tag refers includes fonts and images.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises instructions for:

resolving references within the parsed structures into PDF (portable document format) assets; and

incorporating the PDF assets into the PDF document.

7. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 6, wherein resolving references comprises instructions for:

resolving an image asset into an InputSource object using a PPML (personalized print markup language) structure; and

incorporating the image asset into the PDF document.

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24 25 8. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 7, wherein the PPML (personalized print markup language) structure comprises:

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<SOURCE Format="image/jpeg" Dimensions "dim1 dim2">
  <EXTERNAL_DATA_ARRAY Src="filename.jpg"/>
  </SOURCE>.
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9. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises instructions for:

resolving assets within the parsed structures into objects; and incorporating the objects into the PDF (portable document format) document.

10. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 9, wherein resolving assets comprises instructions for:

using a PPML (personalized print markup language) structure to translate an asset into an iText font representing a TTF font.

11. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises instructions for:

reutilizing PPML (personalized print markup language) global objects found within the PPML document with a PPML structure, wherein the PPML global objects are configured as REUSABLE_OBJECT_TYPE.

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12. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises instructions for:

locating PPML (personalized print markup language) global impositions when parsing the structures within the PPML document; and

reutilizing the PPML global impositions.

13. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 12, wherein reutilizing PPML (personalized print markup language) global impositions comprises instructions for:

reutilizing IMPOSITION_TYPE instances.

- 14. (Currently Amended) A system for converting a PPML (personalized print markup language) document into a PDF document, comprising:
- a first component, operable on a processor, to parse structures and tag items within the PPML document;
- a second component, operable on the processor, to generate a PDF document tree; and
- a third component, operable on the processor, to translate the tagged items within the PPML document, and to locate the translated items on the PDF document tree.

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15.	(Currently	Amended)	The	system	of	claim	14,	additionally
comprising:								

- a forth component to un-marshal PPML (personalized print markup language) instances of external objects for embedding within the PDF document tree.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the forth component comprises:
- a SourceResolver to resolve references into assets for attachment to the PDF (portable document format) document tree;
 - a FontResolver Interface to resolve fonts for access by the PDF document;
- an OccurrenceStore Interface to reutilize PPML (personalized print markup language) global objects for access by the PDF document; and
- an ImpositioningStore to reutilize PPML global impositions for access by the PDF document.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, additionally comprising:
- a fourth component to resolve PPML SOURCE_TYPE class of the structures within the PPML (personalized print markup language) document.

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- 19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the third component is configured to translate a PDF (portable document format) object within a PdfTemplate defined as a function of an item type of the tagged items found during parsing by the first component.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the PdfTemplate is configured to support caching of objects to optimize PDF (portable document format) structure.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A PPML (personalized print markup language) to PDF (portable document format) converter for converting a PPML document into a PDF document, comprising:

means for parsing structures within the PPML document;

means for generating a PDF document tree; and

means for interpreting the parsed structures from the PPML document onto locations on the PDF document tree;

wherein the means for parsing, means for generating and the means for interpreting are performed in part by operation of a processor.

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24 25 22. (Currently Amended) The PPML (personalized print markup language) to PDF (portable document format) converter as recited in claim 21, wherein the means for interpreting comprises:

means for un-marshalling a PPML instance, when a PPML tag set by the means for parsing refers to an external object; and

means for embedding the external object into the PDF document.

23. (Currently Amended) The PPML (personalized print markup language) to PDF (portable document format) converter of claim 21, additionally comprising:

means for resolving references into assets for attachment to the PDF document tree;

means for resolving fonts for access by the PDF document;

means for reutilizing PPML global objects for access by the PDF document; and

means for reutilizing PPML global impositions for access by the PDF document.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, additionally comprising:

means for resolving, for objects within the PPML (personalized print markup language) document, a PPML SOURCE_TYPE class; and

means for translating the objects according to the PPML SOURCE_TYPE class.

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25. (Currently Amended) A method for converting a PPML (personalized print markup language) document into a PDF document, comprising:

parsing structures within the PPML document;

generating a PDF document tree; and

interpreting the parsed structures from the PPML document onto locations on the PDF document tree; and

wherein the parsing, the generating and the interpreting are performed in part by operation of a processor, which generates the PDF document.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises:

un-marshalling a PPML (personalized print markup language) instance, when a PPML tag set during parsing refers to an external object; and

embedding the external object into the PDF_(portable document format) document.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein interpreting the parsed structures comprises instructions for:

resolving references within the parsed structures into PDF (portable document format) assets; and

incorporating the PDF assets into the PDF document.

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28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein resolving references comprises instructions for:

resolving an image asset into an InputSource object using a PPML (personalized print markup language) structure; and

incorporating the image asset into the PDF document.

29. (Withdrawn) A processor-readable medium comprising processor-executable instructions for:

processing a PDF document to produce a PPML document, wherein the processing comprises instructions for:

converting a PDF element within the PDF document into a variable object;

generating a macro to contain rules governing operation of the variable object; and

configuring the PPML document to include the variable object, the macro and the PDF document, wherein the PDF document is configured as a background within the PPML document; and

checking accuracy of the PPML document by producing a PDF document from the PPML document.

30. (Withdrawn) The processor-readable medium of claim 29, wherein checking accuracy comprises instructions for:

parsing structures within the PPML document; generating a PDF document tree; and

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interpreting the parsed structures from the PPML document onto locations on the PDF document tree.

31. (Withdrawn) The processor-readable medium of claim 29, additionally comprising instructions for:

configuring a PDF document according to the PDF document tree; and printing the PDF document.

32. (Currently Amended) A method for printing a PDF (portable document format) file, comprising:

sending a PPML (personalized print markup language) file to a PPML to PDF converter;

converting the PPML file into the PDF file, wherein the converting is

performed by operation of a processor and wherein the converting

comprises:

parsing and tagging items within the PPML file and translating the tagged items; and

generating a PDF document tree; and

interpreting the parsed structures from the PPML document onto locations on the PDF document tree; and printing the PDF file.

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33.	(Currently	Amended)	A	system	for	printing	a	PDF_	(portable
document for	rmat) file, co	mprising:							

a PPML (personalized print markup language) to PDF converter, configured to receive a PPML file and configured to create the PDF file; and by:

parsing structures within the PPML document;

generating a PDF document tree;

interpreting the parsed structures from the PPML document onto locations on the PDF document tree; and

a printing device, to print the PDF file.

- 34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33, wherein the PPML (personalized print markup language) to PDF (portable document format) converter comprises:
 - a parsing and tagging component configured to parse the PPML file and locate references to assets:
 - a translation component, to translate the assets located by the references;
 - a PDF tree-generating component, to generate a PDF tree to form the PDF file according to the translated assets.

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